GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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Army Aviation Corps
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the helicopters used by the Army Aviation Corps are very old, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps for upgradation of various defence equipment including helicopters, radar network and air defence guns of the Indian army;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of tenders floated for purchase of arms and ammunition during the last three years and the current year along with those pending finalisation; and

(e) the details of complaints received regarding alleged corruption in defence deals during the said period along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) to (d): Government constantly reviews security scenario and accordingly decides to induct appropriate defence equipment to keep the armed forces in a state of readiness. Further, modernisation of modern weapon systems is undertaken through procurement from various indigenous as well as foreign vendors. Such procurement is carried out in accordance with the extant Defence Procurement Procedure and Defence Procurement Manual. During the last three years and the current year, contracts have been signed with Indian and foreign vendors for Capital and Revenue procurement of various equipments including helicopters, tanks, radars, rockets. Tenders have also been issued for procurement of fuzes, simulators,

(e) The complaints regarding corruption in defence deals are dealt with as per the extant provisions and where necessary, the cases are referred to appropriate agency including CBI for further investigations.

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